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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following paragraph:

[0029] A first bend line 36, a second bend line 38 and a third bend line 40 are shown on the seat frame panel 10. The first bend line 36 (shown in phantom) is disposed between the back top panel portion 30 and the lower seat top panel portion 22 such that the back top panel portion 30 is on a first side 42 of the first bend line [[42]] 36 and the lower seat top panel portion 22 is on a second side 44 of the first bend line [[44]] 36. The second bend line 38 is disposed between the lower seat bottom panel portion 26 and the lower seat top panel portion 22 such that the lower seat bottom panel portion 26 is on a first side 46 of the second bend line [[46]] 38 and the lower seat top panel portion 22 is on a second side 48 of the second bend line [[48]] 38. The third bend line 40 (shown in phantom) is disposed between the back bottom panel portion 34 and the lower seat bottom panel portion 26 such that the back bottom panel portion 34 is on a first side 50 of the third bend line [[50]] 40 and the lower seat bottom panel portion 26 is on a second side 52 of a third bend line [[52]] 40.

Please replace paragraph [0048] with the following paragraph:

[0048] Referring to Figure 6B, a second bend line 38B is disposed such that the lower seat bottom panel portion 26B is disposed on a first side 46B of the second bend line [[46B]] 38B and the back bottom panel portion 34B is disposed on a second side 48B of the second bend line [[48B]] 38B. The top panel portion 104 and the bottom panel portion 106 may be joined by connecting optional flanges (not shown) similar to those shown on the one-piece panel 10 of Figure 1. Alternatively, the top panel portion 104 may be joined to the bottom panel portion 106 by laser welding at a periphery 111 of the top panel portion and a periphery 112 of the bottom panel portion to form

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a seat frame 82B. Other attachment options known to those skilled in the art, such as adhesive bonding or fastening may also be used.

Please replace paragraph [0049] with the following paragraph:

[0049] Referring to Figures 7A-7B, a unitary, one-piece seat portion panel 96C (i.e., a first, unitary, one-piece panel) and a unitary, one-piece back portion panel 98C (i.e., a second, unitary, one-piece panel) are illustrated. The seat portion panel 96C includes a lower seat top portion panel 22C and a lower seat bottom panel portion 26C separated by a first bend line 36C (shown in phantom) such that the top panel portion 22C is on a first side 42C of the first bend line [[42C]] 36C and the bottom panel portion 26C is on a second side 44C of the first bend line [[44C]] 36C. The seat portion panel 96C may be bent at the first bend line 36C by rotating bottom panel portion 26C in a clockwise downward direction toward the top panel portion 22C to form a lower seat portion (not shown). Referring to Figure 7B, the back portion panel 98C includes a back top panel portion 30C and a back bottom panel portion 34C separated by a second bend line 38C (shown in phantom). The second bend line 38C is disposed between the back top panel portion 30C such that the back top panel portion 30C is on a first side 46C of the second bend line [[46C]] 38C and the back bottom panel portion 34C is on a second side 48C of the second bend line [[48C]] 38C. The back portion panel 98C may be bent at the second bend line 38C by rotating the back bottom panel portion 34C in a clockwise direction downward toward the back top panel portion 30C to form a back portion (not shown). The seat portion panel 96C may be mated or joined with the back portion panel 98C by any of the alternative joining methods discussed herein.

Please replace the first paragraph of the Abstract with the following paragraph:

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A vehicle seat includes a lower seat portion and a back portion. The lower seat portion and the back portion are formed from at least one panel by a method selected from the group consisting of quick plastic forming, superplastic forming and sheet hydroforming. The lower seat portion and the back portion are cooperatively configured to form a seat frame. Preferably, the lower seat portion includes a lower seat bottom panel portion and a matable lower seat top panel portion and the back portion includes a back bottom panel portion and a matable back top panel portion. The lower seat bottom panel portion, lower seat top panel portion, back bottom panel portion, and back top panel portion are preferably formed from a unitary, one-piece panel. A method of manufacturing a vehicle seat is provided.

Please delete the second paragraph of the Abstract.